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- Please help us update our mailing list and improve RTD UPDATES. Returning the survey will keep your name on our mailing list.
- Also, let us know if you are interested in receiving information about a new report, Agricultural Resources and Environmental Indicators.

RTD UPDATES, a semimonthly series, features data relating to agricultural resources, the environment, food safety, and technology. UPDATES reports recent data from surveys of farm operators and others knowledgeable about changing agricultural resource conditions. UPDATES contain only minimal interpretation or analysis. A list of UPDATES published to date is attached. When you return the survey form, let us know if you would like any back issues.

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RTD will publish a new report Agricultural Resources and Environmental Indicators (AREI) in late summer. AREI will consolidate the information previously published in the four *Agricultural Resources Situation and Outlook Reports*. AREI will provide a broad look at the resource, environment, and technology issues affecting U.S. agriculture. Specifically, it will cover current trends in land and water use; summarize commercial input use in the agricultural sector; assess the condition of natural resources used in the sector; report on changes in production practices; and describe and assess public policies that affect conservation and environmental quality in agriculture. By combining data and information into one report, we can reduce costs while improving information and data quality, which are important factors in USDA's effort to improve government services. RTD UPDATES will supplement data reported in AREI.

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April 1992	Foreign Landownership - 1991
May 1992	Cropping Practices Surveys - 1991
June 1992	Early-Season Water Supplies - 1992
July 1992	Agricultural Land Values - 1991
August 1992	Tillage Systems - 1991 Field Crops
September 1992	Conservation Reserve - 12th Signup
October 1992	Farm Machinery - 1992 Purchases
January 1993	Area Studies - Central Nebraska Basins
February 1993	Tillage Systems - 1992 Field Crops
March 1993	Fertilizer Use and Trade - 1991-92
April 1993	Agricultural Real Estate Taxes - 1991
May 1993	Foreign Landownership - 1992
June 1993	Changes in Farmland Values - 1992
June 1993	Area Studies - White River Basin
July 1993	Cropping Practices - 1992 Field Crops
July 1993	Agricultural Land Values - 1992
August 1993	Area Studies - Lower Susquehanna River Basin
August 1993	Changes in Farmland Values - 1993
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September 1993	Area Studies - Mid Columbia River Basin
October 1993	Farm Machinery - 1993 Purchases
October 1993	Landownership Restrictions
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November 1993 #2	Cropping Patterns - 1992 Corn, Soybeans, Cotton
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December 1993 #2	Irrigated Land in Farms - Revised Estimates 1992-93
January 1994 #1	Area Studies - Albemarle-Pamlico Drainage Area
January 1994 #2	Conservation Reserve Program - First Contracts Expire
February 1994 #1	Pest Scouting - 1992 Tomatoes, Lettuce, Strawberries
February 1994 #2	Area Studies - Georgia-Florida Coastal Plains Area
March 1994 #1	Fertilizer - 1993 Fertilizer Use by States/Major Crops
March 1994 #2	Farm Chemical Use - on 1991 Oranges
April 1994 #1	Foreign Landownership - of 1993 U.S. Agricultural Land
April 1994 #2	Agricultural Land Values - 1993 U.S. Farm Real Estate
May 1994 #1	Agricultural Real Estate Taxes - in 1992 by States
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